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SUBJECT: FURTHER REACTION TO "ELEVETHEROS KOSMOS" PROPOSAL

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1. AUGUST 10 PRESS REPORTS UP LEADER CLERIDES' STATEMENT ENDORSING "ELEVETHEROS KOSMOS" SUGGESTION AND MAKARIOS' ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSED ATHENS MEETING TO DISCUSS, WITH GRIVAS PRESENT, CYPRUS PROBLEM AND SITUATION IN CYPRUS. CLERIDES CALLED UPON GRIVAS TO RESPOND IN SIMILAR CONSTRUCTIVE VEIN.

2. MEANWHILE, RIGHTIST CAMP LARGELY SILENT THOUGH GRIVAS MOUTNPIECE "ETHNIKI" AMPLIFIES GENERAL'S "CONDITIONS", PVNTING OUT REAL CHOUCHE IN PLEBISCITE SHOULD BE "GENUINE ENOSIS" VS. "GENUINE INDEPENDENCE", NOT ENOSIS WITH TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS VS. INDEPENDENCE. WITHOUT REJECTING "ELEVETHEROS KOSMOS" PROPOSAL OUTRIGHT, PAPER COMMENTS IT WRITTEN AT SUBBESTION OF MAKARIOS AND WARNS IT MAY BE TRAP TO GET GRIVAS OFF ISLAND.

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3. LEFTIST "TA NEA" ATTACKS CONSTANTOPOULOS PLAN AS LIKELY FOSTER LAWLESSNESS AND NEUTRALIZE GOC COMPLETELY. REJECTS ARBITER'S ROLE FOR PAPADOPOULOS (WHO "MAINLY TO BLAME FOR ANOMALY PREVAILING") AND PROPOSAL THAT GREEK ARMY CONTINGENT (ELDYK) WOULD TAKE CUSTODY OF ARMS.

4. COMMUNIST "HARAVGHI" SILENT THUS FAR.

5. TURKISH PRESS HAS REPORTED "ELEVATHEROS KOSMOS" PROPOSAL AND REACTIONS STRAIGHT, REFRAINING THUS FAR FROM EDITORIAL COMMENT (THOUGH EMB CONTACTS IN TURKISH COMMUNITY INTRIGUED WITH IDEA OF ACTUALLY VOTING ON PARTITION).

6. PAST FEW DAYS HAVE SEEN GOC-ORCHESTRATED WAVE OF PROTESTS BY MASS ORGANIZATIONS ALL OVER ISLAND AGAINST GRIVASITE VIOLENCE IN GENERAL, VAKIS ABDUCTION IN PARTICULAR. TODAY LABOR FEDERATIONS PEO AND SEK, WITH PARTICIPATION BY FEW SMALL INDEPENDENT LABOR UNIONS, CARRIED OFF TWO-HOUR WORK STOPPAGE THROUGHOUT ISLAND TO EXPRESS WORKER CONCERN FOR PRESENT DOMESTIC SITUATION.
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